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FINAL SESSION OF THE 67TH CONGRESS OPENS

KU KLUX KLAN DENOUNCED BY LAWYER

Chrysanthemums at Beardsley Park—Many Sorts But All of the Same Family—Life is Plastic—Lessons in Beauty and Courage—Improving Men and Women—Enfranchised Women a New Force in the Garden of the World.

The chrysanthemums in the hothouse at Beardsley Park are in the height of their diversified glory of form, texture and color. In a few days they will be gone. The greenhouse is open a sign on the door reads, "walk in." Do so. People are doing many other things less worth while!

The blossoms include many tiny little pompons, growing numerously on dwarf plants; some blossoms are almost spherical, six inches or more in circumference, and stand well up in the world, each on a tall stalk of its own.

America owes these beautiful flowers to China. Some were brought to England in 1790; in 1825 so many had been developed that a show was given; since then the chrysanthemum show has been a feature of life in civilized countries. The plant was early brought to this country.

Notice the little blossoms and the big ones. Ask yourself if you would know, without being told that these are relatives, members of the same family? Hundreds of new varieties are created every year. No plant is more plastic in the hands of florists, and flower breeders.

The element of plasticity inheres in most life. Perhaps no thing in plant or beast, has been created which man cannot change extensively and for the better.

It would be easy to say that man can change and alter these things at his will, but the statement would be incorrect. In the germ at the basis of each plant are a number of possibilities; a very large number; perhaps an infinite number. Man does not create any of these possibilities. By suppressing some and exalting others, re-arranging still others, he gets results such as are seen in the chrysanthemum house when the blossoms are compared, the great with the tiny; color with color; petal with petal and form with form.

The chrysanthemum house provides a lesson in beauty and courage. It testifies that man may make his world almost what he pleases. A beautiful, comfortable and easy world to live in or a hard, difficult, cold and cruel world to live in.

To mould men into better designs it is not so easy as to mould the blossom of the chrysanthemum, but man also is plastic. He has been in the hothouse of the world for some thousands of years and he is improving under the discipline which he inflicts upon himself.

The races of men are not very different from the races of the chrysanthemum. There are small and large varieties, speaking in the domain of the mind, rather than in the domain of the physical body. The finest specimens of mankind tower aloft solitary and splendid, as the finer specimens of chrysanthemums do among the smaller and humble flowers.

The school, the church and science are the gardeners who are making man over in this garden of the world. New help is working in the garden; enfranchised and organized women who appreciate the plasticity of the child, the necessity that the child shall be reared in a good environment; women who know that the world of right is and in fact, ought to be a brotherhood; who preach the duties of friendliness and internationalism, and who demand the abolition of war, because war is a killing frost which mows down the best human blossoms.

Stricken While In Turkish Baths, Dies

Awaiting the arrival of relatives who are expected to give him a proper burial, the body of Robert Gouhle, who formerly resided at 278 East Main street, this city, but up until his death Saturday had been living in Danbury, now lies at the city morgue. Gouhle was stricken with an attack of apoplexy Saturday evening while in the Katz Turkish baths on Pembroke street, and was taken to the Bridgeport hospital in the ambulance. He died yesterday afternoon.

HOTEL MEN IN SESSION

New York, Nov. 20.—Hotel men from all parts of the country were here today for the opening of the seventh annual exposition in grand central palace. The 28th annual convention of the New York state hotel association will open tomorrow.

Ku Klux Klan Is Opposed

Former Judge Henry C. Stevenson, Who Has Resigned From All Secret Societies, Says Klan Is Un-American In Spirit.

Although its members claim "100 per cent. Americans," the Ku Klux Klan, which has recently made its appearance in this city, is thoroughly un-American in spirit and opposed to all the best traditions of this country, former Judge Henry C. Stevenson, well known Bridgeport attorney, declared today.

And because he is opposed to secret societies, Stevenson, who was thirty-second degree Mason and former State Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has resigned from these and other secret societies to which he belonged. Declaring that some of the secret societies in this country are roughly bad in character, Judge Stevenson refused to be drawn into a discussion of the Ku Klux Klan, except to say its activities are opposed to attention upon other secret societies, that he believed it un-American and that it sought to draw its membership from other secret societies.

Said Judge Stevenson in outlining his views on secret societies: "Some of the Jews, some of the Protestants, some of the Roman Catholics, some of the negroes. Some oppose all forms of government, some are revolutionary, some oppose labor, some oppose capital, etc. Practically all claim to be patriotic. Some have the credo: 'America for Americans,' '100 Per Cent. Americans,' etc."

The biggest of them are doing great and good work; many of them having commendable sick benefit and insurance features. But any and all of the good which any of them accomplish could just as well and better be done with open doors and without any secret signs, grips, passwords, and initiations. Some of the initiations are vulgar and some are sometimes a candidate is seriously injured, perhaps for life.

"Many universities, colleges, and high schools have excluded all secret societies as harmful to the students in many ways. Secret societies in their essence are opposed to democracy and our republican form of government, although a few of them may in the past centuries have favored some useful purpose in countries ruled by autocratic monarchs. Some of them breed contempt for others; some of them breed national hatreds among naturalized American citizens.

"It may be said that some of them labor organizations prefer to avoid secrecy; although some of the biggest of the railroad employees' associations or brotherhoods are of the secret type.

"A few of the worst of the secret societies are distinctly revolutionary (Continued on Page Seven.)

Estate Settles Self Automatically Court Announces

The \$11,000 estate of the late Mrs. Nellie Passet, who died Nov. 18, 1918, left in trust for Francis H. Bassett, her husband, now deceased three weeks, settles itself automatically, it was announced today by the probate court.

In her will the life use of her estate, appraised at \$11,675, consisting in real and personal estate, was given to her husband, Francis H. Bassett, and his heirs. Mrs. Bassett was named executrix. Bassett was made in her will that her husband should have the use of the estate during his life and that following his death the property, real and personal, at 170 Salem street, was to go to the two daughters named above as executrices. Fifty dollars was to be given to two memorial societies of Olivet Congregational church and the rest and residue of the estate was to be divided among Mrs. Helen B. Rice and Mrs. Mollie B. Calvin who are the other two remaining daughters.

Pirates Seize Ship; Two Killed In Battle Aboard

Hong Kong, Nov. 20.—(By the A. P.)—Thirty-five Chinese buccanniers who might have stepped from some of the pages of a pirate novel, travelled as passengers aboard the Italian steamer Sulan, when she left Macao for Hong Kong yesterday afternoon. Seizing the ship a few miles out the pirates held her for 12 hours, and the crew and passengers made Hong Kong today with their captors driven away in sampans, only after a fierce battle in which two were killed and several wounded, including the captain of the Sulan, a French priest and another European passenger.

The British steamer was carrying a large number of European and Chinese passengers. The pirates, heavily armed with disguised as first or second class passengers. When the Europeans showed resistance the pirates threatened to beach and burn the vessel. In the fighting

President Will Push Ship Bill

Democratic Leaders Appear On Scene Elated Over Election Victories—Mrs. Felton, Georgia Woman Senator, An Early Arrival.

Washington, Nov. 20.—The fall of the gavel today opening the final sessions of the 67th Congress marks the beginning of many long months of political sniping and fighting that will be carried straight into the campaign of 1924 and subject to administration of President Harding to first really militant opposition and severe attacks.

Encouraged by the elections of November to believe they have a chance to regain the White House in 1924 the Democrats have returned to the capital for the congressional opening with the chips on their shoulders and they will lose no time in "going after" the Republican administration and its projects.

Reinforced by a large handful of Republican insurgents and representatives from the great grain belt of the country, the Democrats will inaugurate their two year attack on the Harding administration with an organized assault on the Ship Subsidy Bill that gives promise of success.

It was the general consensus of opinion at the capitol today that President Harding will exert his leadership of his party to the utmost if the Shipping Bill is not to succumb to the savage opposition of the minority.

With neither House planning to get down to work until after the President's joint session address tomorrow, the Senate, after the usual opening day formalities, being prepared to adjourn out of respect to the late Senator Watson, of Georgia and the House out of respect to Representative Nolan, Republican, California.

Mrs. Felton Arrived. Greeted by a wave of handclapping from Democratic women already assembled in the galleries, Mrs. Rebecca Latimer Felton of Georgia, the first woman senator in the United States, made her first appearance this morning on the Senate floor an hour and a half before the Senate was scheduled to reconvene.

She was escorted by former Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia.

NO THIRD PARTY DECLARE "WETS"

St. Louis, Nov. 20.—(By A. P.)—Steps to organize the "wet" forces in every state of the country, to obtain repeal of the Volstead act were discussed at a two-day meeting of the National Association opposed to the prohibition amendment, which began here today.

Predictions were made by delegates that the liquor question probably would be the principal issue of the 1924 campaign.

Denial that a third major political party, favoring amendment of the Volstead law was planned was made by delegates.

Secretary Vest said the chief aim of the association was to bring about the insertion of "wet" planks in the platform of both Democratic and Republican parties and in this way give the organization the balance of power, which he said has been held by the Anti-Saloon League of America.

William L. Fish, who assisted in the election of Governor Edwards of New Jersey to the United States Senate, on a light wine and beer platform, emphasized that the prohibition question would be the principal issue in the next general election.

Safe Forced In Monumental Works

Small boys are believed to be responsible for the robbery reported by the Hughes & Chapman Monumental works this morning. They entered the place by forcing a rear door and then opened a safe and scattered a number of valuable papers all over the floor. Nothing of value is missing.

The Sulan reached Hong Kong at noon today.

The Sulan is listed as a ship of 1,245 tons, owned by the Hong Kong and Macao steamboat company, limited. Macao is across the mouth of the Canton river from Hong Kong and about 50 miles distant.

PARIS MIDINETTES SEEK HUSBANDS



On the 25th of November of each year Paris midinettes—workers in dressmaking establishments—crowned with the "Bonnet de Sainte Catherine," parade the streets in search of husbands. Leap Year Day comes once a year in their young lives. All girls who have passed the age of twenty-five without marriage are eligible to parade, but many twenty or younger take part. When the girls see a good prospect they surround him, hug and kiss him—and sometimes he proposes on the spot.

Bare-Legged Dancers Barred At Sing Sing

New York, Nov. 20.—Bare-legged, gauzy garmented dancers cannot perform before the prisoners in Sing Sing, according to the latest ruling of Warden Lewis. A Greenwich village company, with 30 dancing girls, went to the prison last night to entertain the convicts. The warden, who said he had received letters giving him information regarding the show, declared the dancing act could not be permitted.

NEWBERRY OUT; NO ONE SORRY

Washington, Nov. 20.—The resignation of Truman H. Newberry (R), Michigan, storm center of a political hurricane that has swept Congress intermittently for four years, was greeted today by the House of Representatives and Democrats alike in Washington today.

The resignations were satisfied because it brought to a successful conclusion their four year struggle to oust him from the Senate; the Republican majority, however, ended the Newberry case, which has been a continual source of embarrassment to them.

The resignation of the Michigan senator on the eve of the reopening of Congress forestalled renewed efforts to unseat him, which would have begun today by Senator La Follette (R) Wisconsin and Senator Caraway (D) Arkansas. Both had been given written notice and ready for introduction in the Senate today.

CLEMENCEAU BUSY MAN, BUT "TIGER" IS FULL OF "PEP"

New York, Nov. 20.—Despite his strenuous Sunday, when he placed a wreath upon the tomb of Theodore Roosevelt, at Oyster Bay and received many distinguished visitors Georges Clemenceau, France's 81 year old premier, showed all the pep of youth today.

"The Tiger" was up at five o'clock and was hard at work upon the finishing touches of his first American speech about the time that most New Yorkers were turning over in bed for just fancy more winks.

Fortified with a breakfast of onion soup and hard boiled eggs and with a pitcher of cold tea at his side the aged statesman sat down to his task in the study that had been allotted to him in the home of his host Charles Dana Gibson.

The French war premier told Stephen Bonsai, who is acting as sort of liaison officer between him and the American reporters, that he was feeling fine.

As soon as he was out of bed he began vigorously on his setting up exercises, a practice that has kept him in good health for 20 years. Then came breakfast at six.

The first caller of the morning was Whitney Warren, the famous architect who has been interested in French relief. The second visitor was Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of the late J. Pierpont Morgan, who is in New York on a tour of France. They chatted together for some time.

Then M. Clemenceau prepared to go to the Ritz Carlton for luncheon, given by friends.

Later in the day "The Tiger" will visit Metropolitan Opera house to test the acoustic properties. He will deliver his first address on French affairs here tomorrow night.

ATTORNEY HALL SECRETARY OF CHARTER BODY

Attorney Clarence R. Hall, who has offices in the Security building, an expert authority on forms of city government, has been tentatively named as secretary of the Charter Revision commission, it was learned from a member of the commission today. The tentative selection of Attorney Hall as secretary to the commission took place preceding the public hearing on the subject of Charter Revision held last Monday in the council chambers, City Hall.

The name of City Clerk Dunigan failed to receive a fee of \$150 per month for actual work performed by him. Expenses incurred in the conduct of his duties and investigation out of the city's treasury will also be paid by the commission out of the \$4,000 appropriation that it expects to receive from the Common council, as a special appropriation to carry on the work of Charter revision.

Attorney Hall will attend a convention of civic government societies to be held some time next month in Philadelphia. At the convention's meeting Monday the matter of a secretary came up. Mayor Fred Atwater proposed the name of Attorney Hall. Alderman Ralph Beers, it is said, presented the name of City Clerk Francis P. Dunigan. The name of City Clerk Dunigan failed to be seconded by either Alderman William J. Lavery, Democratic alderman from the Ninth district or City Attorney Cornell, both members of the committees.

COMMONS ELECTS WHITLEY SPEAKER

London, Nov. 20.—The newly elected House of Commons convened for its first session today and after the members had been sworn in, re-elected James H. Whitley speaker. Deliberations will not begin until after the state opening on Thursday with a speech from King George out of the country's needs. The Irish bill, ratifying the Anglo-Irish peace treaty and constitution, will then be taken up and rapidly disposed of.

Viscountess Astor, of Wycombe, was on hand at 7:30 o'clock. She wore a winter cloak with a deep fur collar. Her face was fresh and smiling and she apparently has recovered from the effects of her hard campaign.

The Viscountess fought her way through the crowd of men, members of the House of Commons, and sat up front next to the bench where the ministers will sit. It happened that her seat is right next to that of Colonel Gretton, head of the biggest brewery in Britain.

Viscountess Astor, who is out for temperance and drink reform, and who claimed that the brewing interests tried to defeat her, turned to Col. Gretton with a winning smile and remarked:

"I hope you do not mind my sitting here."

"Not at all."

MAN AND WIFE HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Norwalk, Conn., Nov. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Max Sunroth, of 54 Ellsworth avenue, New Haven, were injured and taken to the hospital as a result of a collision between their automobile and a street car Sunday. The Sunroth car turned over on Westport avenue hill known as "mortality turn" and Mr. and Mrs. Sunroth and their guests, Morris Gordon and his wife and their infant son, Gordon Sunroth, were pinned in the car and had to be extricated by use of a steepladder.

MEXICAN SHIP CAPSIZED BY STRONG TIDES

Only 21 Reported Saved in Gulf of California Horror While Vessel Was Trying to Make Dock—Craft Sinks and Floats—Many Women and Children Aboard.

Calexico, Calif., Nov. 20.—(By I. N. S.)—Eighty-two dead was believed today to be the toll of the sinking of a Mexican freight and passenger steamer yesterday in the Gulf of California at La Bomba, a Mexican port at the junction of the Colorado River and the Gulf, 35 miles south of here.

THREE MEN HURT AS CAR OVERTURNS

Police Seek Man Who Leaped From Auto on Way to Hospital.

James Nichols, believed to live in the vicinity of Avon Park, is being sought by the police today following an accident at the corner of Stratford avenue and Connecticut avenue last night. A car, reported by the police to have been driven by Nichols, struck the traffic station at that corner and then skidded on to the sidewalk and overturned.

J. D. Keller, of the Seaside Park garage and H. L. Berger of Long Hill, who happened to be passing at the time, reported that the car had overturned and that Nichols had leaped from the car and was lost in the darkness. When they arrived at the hospital the two men were placed under arrest by officers of the second precinct, who had been detailed to investigate the accident. In the city court this morning Nichols gave the names of Dominic Golia, of 319 Homer street, and Joseph Trimzoli of New York city.

They were charged with drunkenness and breach of the peace and were ordered held until Thursday under bonds of \$200. A revolver which was found in the car after the accident has been turned over to the police.

13-Count 'Em—13 New Police Motorcycles Arrive; Painted Green

Thirteen may be considered unusual, but the Board of Police Commissioners have evidently reached that stage where superstitions are cast to the wind if the order is given. The new police motorcycles can be taken as a criterion. The 13 brand new green motorcycles arrived Saturday and received their first paint by the police yesterday. Captain Walker says:

"They are just dandy."

HAWAII EARTHQUAKE RUMORS UNFOUNDED

San Francisco, Calif., Nov. 20.—Advises from Honolulu today definitely set at rest rumors originating in South America that the city of Honolulu had been badly damaged by an earthquake.

Shortly after midnight, the radio corporation was advised by its Honolulu station that they had been working with Hilo less than two hours before on regular schedule and nothing unusual had been reported.

Church Murder Witnesses Appear Before Grand Jury

Somerville, N. J., Nov. 20.—The same sort of jury that sits on cracker boxes in country stores and passes on duty events met today in the Somerset county courthouse to investigate the murder of Rev. Dr. Edward W. Hall and his pretty choir singer, Mrs. Eleanor Mills with whom he was infatuated.

There are 23 farmers, rural merchants and housewives in the Grand Jury. It will be a jury moving to double time for, by the end of the week, it will have heard 15 witnesses.

The foremost question is whether or not the evidence warrants the indictment of a woman and two men declared to have done the murder. Curious visitors to the courthouse were greeted by the sight of New Jersey police on guard with pistols hanging from their belts. The blue and khaki uniform of the troopers stood out in bold relief against the courthouse's white marble.

According to reports received today there were 103 men, women and children on the vessel when it capsized and went down while attempting to make the dock against an adverse tide. Of this number but 21 were rescued.

Efforts were being made today to recover the dead. The Mexican military authorities at Mexicali, across the border, have sent assistance and directed that every effort be made to recover the dead. The captain of the boat, which was bringing passengers from Mazatlan, Mexico, to Mexicali, was not familiar with the high tides, according to reports and did not ride into port with high tide which usually is about 12 feet high.

The boat, it was reported, was sidetracked by the tide and capsized, throwing the passengers into the water.

The accident occurred about 35 miles south of Calexico.

First reports were that the 21 passengers were able to swim ashore and that the others were drowned. The boat itself went down while floating into the harbor.

On the passenger list included women and children. All the passengers, it was said, were Mexican laborers and their families. The passengers were being brought to the city under contract with A. Liern of this city.

Motorist Who Flew After Hitting Woman Gets Severe Sentence

Thomas Russell of 37 Emerson street, New Haven, who on October 4, is alleged to have struck Miss Mary A. McPadden of 630 Brook street with his auto and then drove away without stopping was fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to ten days in jail which he began today in the city court this morning. He appealed the case under bonds of \$500, to stand trial on the charge of manslaughter and disclaim all knowledge of the accident but was positively identified in the city court this morning by two witnesses as the driver of the car.

Candidates File Campaign Expenses

Garry Paddock and James J. Gormley, treasurers for the Twelfth District Democratic campaign, filed their campaign statements with the city clerk today. Paddock as treasurer of the Second precinct, received a total of \$286 from that campaign which he expended for refreshments, etc. Gormley received \$214 which he expended in a like manner.

Dr. William H. Ryan, police commissioner, of "chance it snappy" fame, as treasurer of the seventh district campaign fund, received \$240 which he expended for workers, etc. Five bodies of money was used for campaign gifts.

Major John H. McMurray, defeated Democratic candidate for representative, spent \$50 to be defeated for the office he ran for. The entire sum was donated to the Democratic campaign fund.

The grand jury is hearing evidence in a room whose walls have been hung with charts, blue prints and sketches illustrating the murder, its locality and its phases. Ray Schneider, who with Pearl Bahmer, found the bodies, was taken before the grand jury under guard soon after the panel met. Special Prosecutor Mott reported that he was not promising any indictments.

"It is up to the jury," he said. "All I can do is present my case."

Schneider was given an awful of photographs to identify. Waiting to follow him as a witness were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stricker, from whose home he telephoned to the police of his finding the bodies.

Three of the state troopers were detailed to guard the jury room. The blinds of the chamber were drawn to prevent the curious from peeping. Groups of idle thrill hunters from all over the countryside were herded across the street, where they watched each proceeding minutely. No one was permitted near the jurors room unless it was in connection with official business.